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CATTLE POPULATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where cattle population is decreasing during the last three years;

(b) the reaction of the National Commission on Cattle in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): The information regarding names of States where cattle population is decreasing during the last three years is not being maintained.

However, as per the results of Livestock Census, the total cattle population in the country has decreased from 198.9 million in 1997 to 185.2 million in 2003, registering a decrease of 6.9%. The States where the cattle population has decreased during 1997-2003 are Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, Tripura, Manipur and Goa.

(b): The National Commission on Cattle has pointed out that certain indigenous breeds of cattle in the country are becoming extinct.

(c): Apart from the schemes being implemented by the respective State Governments, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by way of the following schemes for increasing the cattle population and also to improve their breed:-

1. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
2. Central Herd Registration Scheme.
3. Intensive Dairy Development Programme.
4. Assistance to States for control of Animal Diseases.
5. Central Cattle Breeding Farms.